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Invention: CASTING STEEL STRIP

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116 AND
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed June 6, 2005, and the interview on September 20, 2005. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is filed herewith for the one month extension of time. If any additional fee is deemed applicable, such fees should be charged to the account of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, Deposit Account No. 15-0450, with reference to file 201143.00014. This Amendment is believed to put the claims in condition for allowance in accord with the interview of September 20, 2005.

The presented claims as currently amended and presented in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) (1) and (2) are as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of continuously casting steel strip comprising: